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Electrical Fire at Lewis Gale Medical Center

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a report of fire at Lewis Gale Medical Center at 1900 Electric Rd. at approximately 12:03 p.m. this afternoon. The first units arrived within six minutes of receiving the call and found light smoke on the fourth floor of the East Wing of the facility.

Lewis Gale Hospital staff located the fire in a room on the fourth floor and put it out with an extinguisher before crews arrived. No one was injured as a result of the fire, but 65 patients were evacuated as a precaution, while fire crews removed the smoke from the floor and checked to make sure the fire had not spread to other nearby areas.

The Salem Fire & EMS department's Fire Marshal determined that the fire started in an electrical panel box located in the room and that it was accidental in nature. The room was unoccupied when the fire started, and damage was limited to that area.

Approximately 15 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, & Tower 1) responded to the call.

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